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SUBJECT: ECWA: SECOND SESSION OPENING

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SUMMARY: OPENING SESSION BRIEF AND UNEVENTFUL. PLO APPROVED AS OBSERVER, ASKED FOR MEMBERSHIP. INITIALLY, 16 COUNTRIES PRESENT IN CONSULTATIVE CAPACITY WITH DELEGATIONS DRAWN FROM BEIRUT EMBASSIES. END SUMMARY

1. INITIAL SESSION MORNING MAY 5 LASTED 85 MINUTES AND WAS UNEVENTFUL. MEMBERSHIP ELECTED IRAQI DELEGATION HEAD AS CHAIRMAN, BAHREINI, VICE CHAIRMAN, APPROVED AS "PARTICIPANTS IN CONSULTATIVE CAPACITY" BEIRUT REPS OF 16 COUNTRIES AND WELCOMED PLO AS "OBSERVER". ALL DECISIONS UNANIMOUS. NORTH YEMEN ABSENT. LAST WEEK SANAA FOREIGN MINISTRY SAID YEMENI OFFICIALS WOULD AVOID BEIRUT "UNTIL THINGS ARE CLEAR" FOLLOWING WOUNDING HERE MID-APRIL OF YEMEN ROVING AMBASSADOR

2. BEFORE ACCEPTANCE, PLO APPLICATION ENDORSED BRIEFLY AND IN RAPID SUCCESSION BY IRAQ, SYRIA, HOST LEBANON AND JORDAN. IRAQ MOVED FOR "PERMANET OBSERVER" STATUS, OTHERS ENDORSED THIS. IN 10-MINUTE

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ACCEPTANCE SPEECH, HEAD OF FOOR-MAN (STANDARD DELEGATION

SIZE) PLO DELEGATION STATED THAT "IMPERIALIST DOMINATION" OF UN SYSTEM EBBING LATELY IN FAVOR THIRD WORLD, DECRIED "NEGATIVE EFFECTS" ON DCS OF EXISTING WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM, PRAISED NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AND ASKED EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO STUDY FULL ECWA MEMBERSHIP FOR PLO. LAST WEEK, PLO ATTENDED AN ECWA POPULATION CONFERENCE AS OBSERVER.

3. AS FAR AS COULD BE DETERMINED WITHOUT CHECKING, ALL CONSULTATIVE CPACITY DELEGATIONS DRAWN FROM BEIRUT EMBASSIES AND MOT AT ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR OR FIRST SECRETARY LEVEL. IN FOLLOWING LIST (A) INDICATES AMBASSADOR ATTENDED OPENING, (C) CHARGE: AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, FRANCE, EAST GERMANY, WEST GERMANY, HUNGARY (C), IRELAND (A), IRATLY, NETHERLANDS (A), PAKISTAN, POLAND, SPAIN, UK (C), US, USSR, YUGOSLAVIA. IT LIKELY THAT MORE COUNTRIES WILL ATTEND AND THAT "AS" AND "CS" WILL WITHDRAW UNTIL FINAL SESSION.

4. DUE POSTPONEMENT, CONFERENCE IS AT HOLIDAY INN, NOT PHOENICIA. HALL CRAMPED, WITH USG DELEGATE SQUEEZED IN DARK ALCOVE IN REAR AT TABLE WITH YUGOSLAVIA, HUNGARY AND USSR. CONFERENCE LOGISTICS MUCH IMPROVED OVER 1974 BUT BEST WE CAN DO ON DOCUMENTATION IS TWO COPIES OF EVERYTHING.

5. FOLLOWING AFTERNOON MEETING AND EVENING RECEPTION MAY 5, CONFERENCE ADJOURNS UNTIL MAY 7 IN OBSERVANCE MAY 6 LOCAL HOLIDAY.
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